GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Allotment of LPG Distributorships
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1677 Retail Outlets and 326 LPG distributorships are pending for issue of Letters of Intent to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities in the country ; and
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken / being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) As of 01.01.2017, 603 locations for Retail Outlets (ROs) and 538 locations for LPG distributorships belonging to SC and ST category are pending for issuance of Letter of Intent (LoI). State/UT-wise number of such locations for ROs and LPG distributorships where LOIs are yet to be issued are given in Annexure-I & Annexure-II respectively.
(b) Allotment / setting up of Retail Outlet dealerships/LPG distributorships involves various steps like advertisement, interviews / draw of lots for selection of dealers, field verification of credentials, issue of LOI, procurement of land, obtaining necessary Statutory approvals, construction etc. All efforts are made to expedite the process of dealer/distributor selection. However, sometimes, there are delays due to complaint and reference, court cases, applicants getting rejected during scrutiny, rejection of candidate during Field Verification of Credentials (FVC) etc. Once the candidate gets rejected during FVC, then redraw has to be conducted. The process goes on till all the eligible candidates for draw are exhausted.
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